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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Naohiko HIROTA, et al.

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FOR: BARLEY LIPOXYGENASE 1 GENE, METHOD OF SELECTING BARLEY VARIETY, MATERIAL OF MALT

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MALT ALCOHOLIC DRINK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached two Japanese Office Actions and listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references. The Japanese Office Actions submitted herewith are being filed in the interest of full disclosure and is not a Statement of Relevancy.

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